

# Culworth Newsletter

February & March 2023

## CULWORTH FILM NIGHTS

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

out. Over 350 Mumfords sausages were consumed..

A huge thank you to Simon and Petrina. David Mumford and sons, and the Green residents but especially to Simon Theobald who rallies us all each year.

### CHFT Briefing Note: PC/VHT/Newsletter 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2023)

#### 1. Overview

We are making good progress. The work to realign the cricket pitch and install new practice nets has been completed. The repairs to the Cricket Pavilion, and Phase 1 Works to implement the current planning permission are underway.

#### 2. Budget

The cost of all the works is expected to be completed, within the original budget of £159k.

#### 3. Cricket Facilities

The interim repairs to the Cricket Pavilion are being carried out and this work is expected to be completed before the beginning of the cricket season. The plan is to remove the pile of sub soil in the Spring this year, and to use the pile of top soil to help level



### Christmas Carols on the Green

What a great way to start off Christmas. Well over 100 people lustily sang to carols led by Justin Thurgur and organised as ever by Simon Theobald. Their voices improved as the mulled wine generously provided by Green folk and especially Simon and Petrina Martin was poured

the outfield in the Autumn of 2023, after the end of the cricket season.

#### 4. Phase 1 Works

The work to remove the trees, in line with the planning permission, has been completed. We are obliged to agree a landscaping plan with West Northamptonshire Planning Authority, before the occupation of the new Community and Recreation Facility. In the meantime we are working with Parish Council to implement a tree planting scheme on the Western and Eastern boundaries of Hill Field, in line with the church.

The work to widen the existing access, create a new one, alter the stone wall and construct a new drive is expected to be completed during the first quarter of 2023. The Section 278 works to construct the 'cross overs' over the grass verge, is planned to be carried out during 2023. The new car parking, on Hill Field, will be available to relieve on road car parking at peak times and for events. Bollards are being installed, secured with combination locks, which will be capable of being raised to secure the site as required. The management regime will be a matter for the Parish Council to decide.

#### 5. Next Steps

Once the above work is complete, we will consider all the options available, in the context of the current economic and funding outlook, and consult with villagers on our plans in due course.

John Duggan

Chair Culworth Hill Field Trust (CHFT)

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#### Waste & Recycling



**West  
Northamptonshire  
Council**

Cllr Phil Larratt, WNC's Cabinet Member for environment, transport, highways and waste said: "As a Council, we would like to say a huge thank you to all of our waste collection crews who continue to provide an outstanding and vital service all year round.

"I would encourage all residents to ensure that all recycling is washed, crushed and disposed of properly so we can all do our bit to recycle this Christmas."

Downloadable bin calendars with information about waste and recycling arrangements each area of West Northants will be available from the Bins, Recycling and Waste pages of our website by the end of November.

But in the meantime, the main things to remember are:

- Residents in the Daventry and South Northants areas should put real Christmas trees out on the day that garden waste .
- Please ensure any trees over 6ft tall are cut in half, so they will fit into the lorries safely.
- You do not need a garden waste subscription to put out your real Christmas tree for collection.

Additional recycling can be put out in clear plastic bags or boxes alongside recycling bins and boxes, or can also be taken to the nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Find out more information about waste and recycling collections this Christmas on the [WNC website](#).



On behalf of The Royal British Legion, I would like to thank everyone in the village who contributed towards the 2022 Poppy Appeal resulting in £514.03 being collected during the two weeks of the appeal. This is a fantastic result considering the difficult times we are in currently. Special thanks go to The Red Lion Barn and Pub, Mumfords Butchers, Culworth School and Forge Coffee for hosting collection boxes, and also David Mold for sterling service knocking on doors in all sorts of weather!

The British Legion was formed on 15 May 1921, bringing together four national organisations of ex-Servicemen that had established themselves after the First World War:

- The National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers
- The British National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers
- The Comrades of The Great War
- The Officers' Association

The amalgamation of these diverse bodies can be attributed largely to two men: Field Marshal Earl Haig and Tom Lister of The Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers. Lord Haig served as the President of The Royal British Legion until his death.

Over six million men had served in the war. Of those who came back, 1.75 million had suffered some kind of disability and half of these were permanently disabled, including residents of Culworth.

Then there were those who depended on those who had gone to war – the wives and children, widows, and orphans, as well as the parents who had lost sons in the war, on whom they were often financially dependent.

The Royal British Legion was established to care for those who had suffered as a result of service during the First World War. And we've been

helping the Armed Forces community and their families ever since.

The first ever Poppy Appeal was also held in 1921. The poppies sold out almost immediately and raised over £106,000; a considerable amount at the time. This money was used to help WW1 veterans with employment and housing.

Today the Legion's role is broad; From supporting veterans and their families in debt and emergency situations to providing breaks for service families, its initiatives provide vital support for the Armed Forces community.

The same support is also available for those who are experiencing multiple challenges such as being out of work, dealing with mental health problems, financial issues and alcohol abuse.

The programme's flagship is the £27m **Battle Back Centre at Lilleshall** in the West Midlands, which provides sports and adventure activities designed to promote self-confidence and improve motivation to aid recovery.

More information can be found at the website [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)

## Crime update

Reports from the village of antisocial behaviour and drug use are on the increase – residents are advised to report any suspicious incidents via 101 if it is happening at the time. If it is to simply inform the local officers for follow-up work to be done, this can be done by emailing the local neighbourhood team via

[NT-SouthNorthantsBrackley@northants.police.uk](mailto:NT-SouthNorthantsBrackley@northants.police.uk)

The primary school are also reporting an increase in speeding through the village and inconsiderate parking at either end of the school day. I will be liaising with the HS2 point of contact to ensure their workers are aware of the need to adhere to the speed limit through the village but would ask that ALL residents please be mindful of their speed through the village.

PC 911 Mel Carter

If you want to find out more about what your local Neighbourhood Policing Team are working on and about crime in your local area, please sign up to Neighbourhood Alert at:

[www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk)



Brackley Team Email: [NT-SouthNorthantsBrackley@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NT-SouthNorthantsBrackley@northants.pnn.police.uk)

**Facebook:** Daventry and South Northants Neighbourhood Policing Team

**Twitter:** @SthNorthantsNPT

**Neighbourhood Alert** register at [www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk)



Heading into 2023

Plans are already well underway for some fantastic events and exciting opportunities to support our hospice in 2023. It's thanks to your support that we're able to go on caring for local people living with incurable illnesses. Thank you!

Moonlight, camera, action!

The Moonlight Walk is back and this time we're going to the movies! Our annual flagship fundraising walk is taking place on Saturday

20 May 2023 at Easington Sports Football Club – so get the date in your diaries now and don't forget to tell friends and family! [www.khh.org.uk/moonlight](http://www.khh.org.uk/moonlight)

Challenge accepted

Help us raise money with an adrenaline rush! We have the following challenge events available to sign up to now – the sky is literally the limit!

Ride London – 28 May

Abseil – 17 June

Bike Oxford – 25 June

Skydive – 9 September

Thames Path Walk – 9 September

Oxford Half – 15 October

Halloween Walk – 28 October

Plus many more! Find out more here: [www.khh.org.uk/events](http://www.khh.org.uk/events)

How does your garden grow?

Our ever-popular Open Gardens will be making a welcome return in 2023 and we'd love to be able to branch out and grow the scheme. Last year, our Open Gardens helped raise nearly £7,000 for our hospice. If you'd like to get involved and help support us by opening your own garden, then we'd love to hear from you. Our Fundraising team are on hand to offer support and guidance to help make sure your event is blooming marvellous. [www.khh.org.uk/gardens](http://www.khh.org.uk/gardens)

Charity shops treasures



If you're having a post-Christmas clear out, don't forget about our six charity shops across the area. Rather than throwing out your quality unwanted items, donating to a charity shop is more sustainable and helps raise money for our hospice. You can find the details for all our charity shops here: [www.khh.org.uk/retail](http://www.khh.org.uk/retail)

Digital monthly newsletter – keep up to date with your hospice

Sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter and keep you in touch with all our latest news and fundraising events at the hospice. [www.khh.org.uk/newsletter](http://www.khh.org.uk/newsletter)

## Culworth Snappers

Some of the Culworth Snappers enjoyed a photoshoot in Oxford



Members of the Culworth snappers and their guests enjoying a Christmas Meal at The Falcon near Warmington



Check out our facebook page at "Culworth snappers"

For further information contact John 07867918960.

## The Forge

For all our events, check our website: <https://www.forgecoffee.co.uk/whats-on> or follow us on Instagram (@forge\_coffee) or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/forgecoffeeshop>)

## Advance notice

Annual Litter pick 4th March 10am outside Forge Coffee please

Please could volunteers let Martin Rowling know on 760571 if they are willing to help... He has sticks, plastic bags but can you provide your gloves and firm footwear please.

If full bags are left on side, these are collected later or you can drop them off at the ground to right of Forge Coffee.

Martin Rowling



## News from St Mary's

### Pattern of Services during the interregnum

Rev Mike Chesher took his last service in the benefice on 1<sup>st</sup>

January. Culworth benefice is now in an interregnum. The vacancy will be advertised at the end of January and we await to see if there are any applicants. The services will be slightly

changed from the beginning of January. The pattern of services in Culworth are as follows;

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 10am Holy Communion

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 11 am Family Service

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10am Mattins

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 6pm Evensong

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Benefice Communion

For baptisms, weddings and funerals during the interregnum please contact Father Matthew Robinson from Kings Sutton and Newbottle, our Rural Dean. (fathermatthew.r@icloud.com. or 01295 811364.)

### Collections at Christmas

The collection at the Christingle Service was in aid of The Children's Society.

The collection at the Carol Service was given to CRISIS

### Help Needed

Our church and churchyard relies on volunteers to keep it clean and beautiful. Could you spare some time to help?

A list is on the table in the church. If you could help with the cleaning and/or churchyard mowing we would be most grateful. Please fill in any times you could help or contact me

(jenny\_howse@hotmail.com) 01295 768110

### Village Cafes

The village café is held in the Village Hall on the first Saturday of **every** month. Cakes, tea, coffee and chat. Everyone welcome.

### Lent Quiz Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

There has been an informal quiz on Shrove Tuesday in the village hall for many years. Hopefully this

year we will continue the tradition. It usually starts at 7.00 and you bring your own nibbles and drinks to fortify the brain. Look out for signs on the notice board and Nextdoor/Facebook.

### Lent Lunches

The Lent Lunches this year will be Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March in the Village Hall from 12 till 2. As usual they will consist of a variety of home-made soups, homemade bread and a variety of puddings. We hope people will be generous with their donations which in the past have been sent to Banbury Foodbank and Water Aid.

### Dates for Your Diary

Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> 10 – 12 **Village Café** Village Hall

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 10am Holy Communion (Phillip Ball )

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 11am Family Service

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 10-12 **Coffee and Chat** Village Hall

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 10am Mattins

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 7pm **Lent Quiz** Village Hall

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 6pm Evensong

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 10-12 **Village Café** Village Hall

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 10am Holy Communion (Phillip Ball)

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 11am Family Service

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 10-12 **Coffee and Chat** Village Hall

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 12-2 **Lent Lunch** Village Hall

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 10am (Mothering Sunday) Mattins

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 12-2 **Lent Lunch** Village Hall

Sunday 26<sup>h</sup> March 6pm Evensong (B.S.T. begins)

## Culworth Benefice Services February/March 2023

### 5<sup>th</sup> February

10.00 Holy Communion Culworth (P.B)

### 12<sup>th</sup> February

10.00 Holy Communion Chipping Warden (E.C.)

9.30 Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney

11 .00 Family Service Culworth

### 19<sup>th</sup> February

10.00 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney (L.R.)

10.00 Mattins Culworth

10.00 Mattins Chipping Warden

### 26<sup>th</sup> February 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

11.00 Holy Communion Edgcote (E.C.)

9.30 Mattins Moreton Pinkney

10 .00 Family Service Chipping Warden

6.00 p.m. Evensong Culworth

### March

### 5<sup>th</sup> March

10.00 Holy Communion Culworth (P.B.)

**12th March**

10.00 Holy Communion Chipping Warden  
(C.P)

9.30. Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney

10 .00 Family Service Chipping Warden

6.00 p.m. Evensong Culworth

11.00. Family Service Culworth

**19th March Mothering Sunday**

10.00 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney  
(R.O)

10.00 Mattins Culworth

10.00 Mattins Chipping Warden

**26th March**

9.30 Mattins Moreton Pinkney

11.00 Holy Communion Edgcote (J.D.)

10.00. Family Service Chipping Warden

6p.m. Evensong Culworth

**April**

**2nd April Palm Sunday**

10 .00. Holy Communion Culworth (E.C.)

P.B. Philip Ball

E.C. Rt Rev Ed Condry

L.R. Lynda Randall

C.P. Celia Parkes

R.O. Archdeacon of Northampton Richard Ormston

J.D. John Duncan

**Crisis at Christmas**

A very big thank you to everybody who has been kind enough to support me, and donate to my fund raising efforts. I spent eight hours in the disused bus shelter last night: the weather was mild, and at first I thought my main problem would be boredom. But as the hours wore on I became increasingly low-spirited. It was impossible to get comfortable on a narrow bench, every bit of me ached, and sleep was out of the question. It felt isolated and lonely, the darkness full of strange noises, and it was difficult to rally one's thoughts, and remain positive and cheerful. At 5.30 am I could bear it no more, and I tottered back across The Green to my home. After the experience I am so grateful to my friends, neighbours and family who have enabled me to raise over £5,000 for Crisis, but most of all, I am so very grateful to have a roof over my head!

With all love and good wishes for a happy Christmas Day, and a peaceful New Year,

Lesley xx



***Village Café***

Every First Saturday of the Month 10 till 12

Culworth Village Hall

Tea, Coffee & Cakes

Donations welcome for the Village Hall and Culworth Church

Get to know others from the village

**Culworth Village Café**

The village cafe is open on the first Saturday of **every** month from 10 till 12.

This has been running now for 8 years and I originally started it as a way for people of all ages in the village to meet and have a chat and to get to know each other. There is no charge for the coffee, tea and home -made cakes but there is always a donation plate, the money going to the Village Hall and church funds. The village hall committee allow us to use the hall free of charge.

We have a regular group of people who come but it would be lovely to see new faces and for the many newcomers who have moved into our village it is an opportunity to meet those of us who have lived here since the Stone Age.

Just remember – FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH. Pop in for a few minutes or longer if you've got the time.

## **Culworth Church Services in 2023**

From January 20023 the pattern of services each month will change slightly.

1st Sunday 10 am Holy Communion Culworth (no longer the benefice service)

2nd Sunday 11 am Family Service

3rd Sunday 10 am Mattins

4th Sunday 6 pm Evensong

5th Sunday (usually about 3 a year) 10 am Benefice Holy Communion

We are fortunate to have a service every Sunday in our church and we will try to maintain this pattern. At the moment we have no replacement for Mike.

There are a few vacancies in the Deanery and therefore quite a demand on the time of local retired clergy to take the services needing an ordained priest i.e.

Holy Communion. We are very fortunate to have all our services where we need a priest covered until after Easter 2023.

During the Interregnum please ring Martin or Jenny if you have any queries about church matters. (Martin: 01295 760571 – [Josephine.rowling@gmail.com](mailto:Josephine.rowling@gmail.com)

Jenny: 01295 768110 –

[jenny\\_howse@hotmail.com](mailto:jenny_howse@hotmail.com))

Thank You

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## **Births, Deaths and Marriages**

### **Gill Nunn**



I would like to thank friends, neighbours, clients, choir members and all the numerous other people that inundated our family with cards, letters, messages and flowers of sympathy for the passing of my beloved wife Gill. She was especially cheered by the booklets made by the pupils of Culworth and Boddington Primary Schools which,

at her lowest ebb, made her smile and brought tears to her eyes.

I was overwhelmed by the attendance at her memorial service at Culworth Church; so many good friends and old acquaintances – Thank you one and all.

My final thanks goes to Rev. Mike Chesher who was in close attendance to the very end and was a great comfort to Gill and also to myself and my family: Thanks Mike.

There is a great hole in my life now but I am comforted by the love and generosity shown to me by our Culworth community over the past harrowing weeks.

Thank you all,  
Stephen Nunn

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### **Tom Field**



July 1939 to December 2022

When Tom was 17 the family moved to Gate House Farm, Culworth where with his dad ran the farm. He was passionate about farming and looking after the countryside, He was extremely knowledgeable about animal welfare and treated his animals with care and respect. He was a gentle man with an enduring passion for the land he farmed. Tom loved Culworth and the local community and was a member and chairperson of the parish council for a number of years. He knew the importance of doing his bit to help keep a village community going and was well respected in this role. When Tom retired he was a familiar site in his Landrover. He became a familiar figure walking through the fields with his adored golden



retriever Monty. He was a shining example of humankind and is missed dearly.

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### **Lynne Gottowik**

Lynne was born in 1950 when we lived at Chipping Warden, and seven when we moved to Culworth. She attended the village school when Mr Knowles was head and Miss Holloway was his assistant.

She later went to Brackley High School and was nicknamed "Gus" by her friends. She then became a teacher (a good one, I'm told) and lived for a time in Yorkshire and Bournemouth.

Lynne Was active in C.N.D. and joined the Greenham Common women undergoing's, with them, the taunts, and indignities they were subjected to.

Her concern of animal welfare was manifested to a keen supported of Hillside animal sanctuary, the Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary and more locally Bat charities.

Toward the end of her career, she moved to Hamburg. She was a member of staff at an International School there, teaching English to students from many diverse nations. When she returned to live in her homeland, she again chose to teach E.F.L (English as a foreign language).

Lynne and her friend Jacqui, canvassed this village to alert and asses the need for a bus, this has now been accomplished but they (and I) where pioneers in this respect, although as resident of Bristol they were not self-serving!

Long ago a villager know as "Old Richie"(who also drive taxis when needed)Seeing Lynne as a child remarked "By hell never be gone while she's \_\_\_\_" So his words resonate with me, her mum at this time. Her ashes will eventually, as she wished join Erich's in Culworth church yard.  
Joan Gottowik



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# FORGE COFFEE

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With the schools back we've tweaked our hours to cater for the morning drop off so we're now open:

Mondays to Fridays 8:45am-4pm

Saturdays 9am-4pm

Sundays 9am-3pm

Thanks for all your support.

Do let us know if you'd like to use the venue for any events or for parties etc.

*Jose has a village network list of emails. She sends any news or information out to all people on that list, including missing dogs, break-ins, 'What's On' etc. etc. in fact anything to do with village life.*

*If you would like to be included, please email her...*

[culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com](mailto:culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com)

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## **Want to know what is happening in the village?**

Here are some of the websites that may be helpful

<http://www.culworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/community/culworth-parish-council-18681/home/#>

Culworth Village website

Culworth Facebook

Culworth Community Facebook

Nextdoor Culworth

Red Lion website and Facebook

Forge Coffee website

# Mumfords Butchers

serving the local community for over 90 years  
fresh Meats and fruit and veg delivered to your door



Please send items for the next newsletter to the editor, Kate Smith via email

[culworth.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:culworth.newsletter@gmail.com) copy dates are:

24<sup>th</sup> March for April / May

19<sup>th</sup> May for June / July

21<sup>st</sup> July for August / September

22<sup>nd</sup> September for October / November

24<sup>th</sup> November for December / January

**Do you have a local business, please tell us about it via the village newsletter.**